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- ☒ Petition to Correct Filing Date (3 pgs)
- ☒ Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 (2 pgs)

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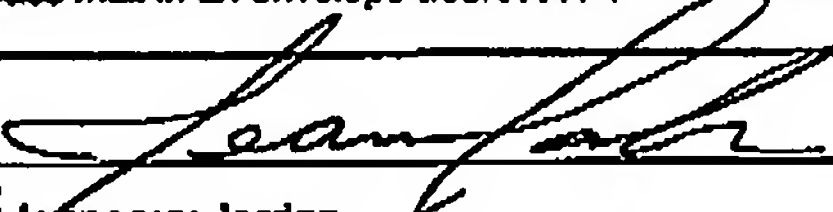
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**PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed June 28, 2007 (the "Notice of Allowance"), Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Petition to Correct Filing Date.

Statement of Facts

The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) accompanying the Notice of Allowance indicates a patent term adjustment of 231 days. According to 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)(1)(A)(i), the Office must provide a notification under 35 U.S.C. 132 or a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151 not later than 14 months after the filing date of an application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Based on the assigned filing date of July 4, 2003, the 14-month time period for the present application expired on September 4, 2004. The first Office Action relating to the present application was mailed on May 16, 2005. The difference between the end of the 14-month time period on September 4, 2004, and the mailing of the first Office Action on May 16, 2005, is 253 days. According to 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)(2), the patent term adjustment may be reduced by the cumulative total of any period of time in excess of 3 months that are taken to

respond to a notice from the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request. Applicants filed a response to the Final Office Action mailed February 20, 2007, on June 6, 2007, which is 16 days after the 3-month statutory deadline. Thus, reducing the patent term adjustment by 16 days yields a patent term adjustment of 237 days. Applicants filed responses to all other notices from the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request regarding the present application within the 3-month statutory deadline and Applicants engaged in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants are not aware of any other grounds for a reduction in the patent term adjustment.

The apparent discrepancy between the patent term adjustment calculated based on the filing date assigned by the Office of 237 days and the patent term adjustment accompanying the Notice of Allowance of 231 days would be resolved by correcting an error by the Office in assigning the July 4, 2003, filing date to the present application. In particular, the present application was mailed on July 4, 2003, via ROC (Taiwan) Post Express Mail Service and assigned a filing date of July 4, 2003, by the Office. (See the attached Exhibits 1 and 2). However, since the present application was mailed via ROC (Taiwan) Post Express Mail Service and not via the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service, the filing date assigned to the present application should be the date that the present application was received by the Office and not the date that the present application was mailed. (See MPEP §513).

#### Points to be Reviewed

Applicants respectfully request review of the filing date assigned to the present application.

#### Action Requested

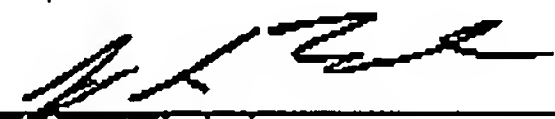
Applicants respectfully request that the Office correct the filing date of the present application to reflect the date that the present application was received by the Office. In addition, Applicants note that the issue fee regarding the present application is due on September 28, 2007. Thus, Applicants respectfully request a decision relating to this Petition before September 28, 2007. Further, Applicants respectfully request waiver of the Petition Fee because

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the error in the filing date of the present application occurred at the Office. However, if the Petition Fee is not waived, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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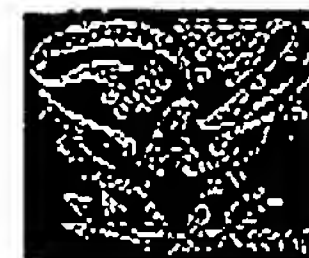
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